to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jacob Laux for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF COOKIES FOR CAREGIVERS

## HON. JOHN JOYCE

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cookies for Caregivers on winning the Special Merit Award from the Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce. The award is given to an organization that demonstrates outstanding achievement in the community.

Cookies for Caregivers is a national program that was established by Huntingdon residents in April 2020. The groups founders, Scott McKenzie and Jeremy Uhrich, began baking cookies for frontline workers during the COVID—19 pandemic. What started a local community service project has transformed into a national movement. With more than 100 bakers joining the group, Cookies for Caregivers has made more than 10,000 cookies to share with essential workers.

It is my privilege to recognize Scott and Jeremy for their leadership and ingenuity through the development of Cookies for Caregivers. This is a remarkable service to our community and beyond, and I wish them continued success in their efforts.

HONORNG LIEUTENANT COLONEL ANTHONY HEISLER

## HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  $Thursday,\,April~8,\,2021$ 

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest gratitude to U.S. Army Officer Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Anthony Heisler of U.S. Special Operations Command Legislative Affairs office (SOLA). He is truly a great American and has been a tremendous help to Congress in developing increased transparency and understanding into what Special Operations Forces brings to the fight

regarding the National Defense Strategy.

LTC Heisler earned his commission through Georgetown University Army ROTC as a Field Artillery Officer in 2004 and was assigned 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) from 2005 to 2007 before he volunteered to attend Special Forces Assessment and Selection.

After completing the Special Forces Qualification Course in 2009, LTC Heisler was assigned to 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Germany, where he served as a Special Forces detachment commander, headquarters and support company commander, and the Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General of Special Operations Command-Europe. He was later assigned to

10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Carson, Colorado, where served as a Special Forces company commander, battalion executive officer, and Group operations officer. He has been serving at SOLA since May 2018.

LTC Heisler's operational deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom (2005 to 2006), Operation Enduring Freedom (2009, 2010), Operation Juniper Shield (Niger, 2015), and Operation Atlantic Resolve (Germany, 2017). LTC Heisler has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and others.

Special Operations U.S. Command (SOCOM) develops and employs fully capable Special Operations Forces to conduct global special operations and activities as part of the joint force to support persistent, networked and distributed combatant command operations and campaigns against state and nonstate actors to protect and advance U.S. policies and objectives. SOCOM trains, organizes and equips U.S. Special Operations Forces and provide those forces to the geographic combatant commanders on the Global Campaign Plan for Countering Violent Extremist Organizations, Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction and Web-Based Military Information Support Operations.

While in the job at SOLA, LTC Heisler guided a Congressional Delegation to West Africa. His personal knowledge and experiences were priceless in making the visits to Niger, Nigeria and Mali a tremendous success in August 2019. We are very grateful for him escorting us around the continent.

He departs the SOLA office this spring after three years working with Congress and takes command of 3rd Battalion, 10th SFG. We wish Anthony and his family safe travels as they move to Colorado Springs, CO. There is a high likelihood that Congress will see LTC Heisler again as he progresses through the Army ranks. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our gratitude to LTC Heisler for his service to our country and the House of Representatives.

HONORING MCM DEVELOPMENT MALONE, LLC FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS VENTURES IN THE TOWN OF MALONE

# HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, April 8, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Darren Gough and Michael Roesler of MCM Development Malone, LLC on the successful revitalization of The River Building, a historic landmark in the Town of Malone, and on the opening of their new restaurant, Hearth of Malone.

Darren and Michael knew at first sight that there was something special about The River Building, so they sought to turn their dream of renewing a portion of downtown Malone into a reality. Through perseverance and teamwork, they renovated this historic building into a multi-use space where family, friends, visitors, and tourists alike can gather and feel welcome. In that vein, the new restaurant within the building is aptly named Hearth of Malone as they hope to foster a sense of community in this new space.

The North Country would be nothing without our local businesses and entrepreneurs like Darren and Michael, who undertake enormous efforts to create positive change in our communities. Darren, and Michael, along with their partner and executive chef, Jesse Badger, and general manager, Randy Tomblin, have truly exemplified the "neighbor helping neighbor" mindset. Throughout the renovation process, they contracted locally, and at the Hearth of Malone, many ingredients will be sourced directly from local farmers. They are fully investing in our community and are committed to serving their customers to the best of their ability.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank MCM Development Malone, LLC, and their entire team for their dedication to revitalizing a historic property in our community and congratulate them on their hard-earned achievements thus far.

## EDWIN FERGUSON

## HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Edwin Ferguson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Edwin Ferguson is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Edwin Ferguson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Edwin Ferguson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LATE VIOLA JOHNSON CLARK

## HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a valiant woman, the late Mrs. Viola Johnson Clark. Viola had a dedication and desire to serve others.

She was born September 14, 1934 in Cary, Mississippi to James Johnson and Katie Brown. Viola was blessed to be a wife, mother of seven and grandmother and great grandmother.

Viola's motto was "Get an education" because there is power in knowledge and no one can take it away from you, "It's your way out". She instilled this motto everywhere she went with everybody she met no matter the color, never meeting a stranger. Viola's motto led her to earn her GED certificate from Mary